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FROM USDEL ANTARCTIC

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SUBJECT: ANTARCTIC TREATY: DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ANTARCTIC TREATY
SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON MARINE LIVING RESOURCES

1. SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING CHAIRMAN ROWLAND ISSUED
A REVISED DRAFT CONVENTION MARCH 13. MAJOR CHANGE CONCERNS
VOTING PROCEDURE. NEW TEXT (REVISION ONE OF CHAIRMAN'S
DRAFT) PROVIDES FOR DECISIONS BY CONSENSUS ON DETERMINING
TOTAL CATCH LEVELS AND ON DIVIDING AREA INTO SECTORS OR
SUBSECTORS, WHICH IS PERMITTED FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES.
(ORIGINAL DRAFT HAD PROVIDED FOR DECISIONS ON MATTERS OF
SUBSTANCE BY TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY, INCLUDING TWO-THIRDS OF
CONSULTATIVE PARTIES).

2. DELEGATIONS POINTED GENERAL REACTION TO TEXT IN PLE-
NARY MEETING MARCH 13 P.M. AND DETAILED COMMENTS IN PLENARY
DEBATE MARCH 14. U.S. EXPRESSED BASIC DIFFICULTY
WITH CHANGE IN VOTING PROCEDURES. (OTHERWISE TEXT WAS
IMPROVEMENT FROM U.S. POINT OF VIEW). A MEMBER OF DE-
LEGATION PRESSED FOR EXTENSION OF CONSENSUS OR UNANIMITY
TO ALL ISSUES INVOLVING CONSERVATION MEASURES
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(AMONG THEM CHILE, USSR AND POLAND). JAPAN CONTINUED TO
EXPRESS PREFERENCE FOR TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY COUPLED WITH
OBJECTION PROCEDURE.

3. PLENARY DEBATE WAS CENTERED ON CONSERVATION STANDARD,
FORMULATION OF JURIDICAL ISSUES, SYSTEM OF OBSERVATION
AND INSPECTION, AS WELL AS NON-PRODUCTIVE EXCHANGES ON

QUESTION OF ACCESSION BY EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

4. CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO ISSUE ANOTHER VERSION OF HIS DRAFT CONVENTION (REVISION 2) MARCH 15. ON THIS BASIS, A MEMBER OF DELEGATION PRESSED FOR EFFORT TO RESOLVE JURIDICIAL ISSUES, SO THAT FIRM UNDERSTANDING AMONG CONSULTATIVE PARTIES COULD BE EXPRESSED IN FINAL FORM OF INFORMAL TEXT PREPARED BY SCM.

5. HEADS OF DELEGATION MET IN LONG NIGHT SESSION TO DEBATE JURIDICIAL POINTS. JAPAN AND USSR MOUNTED DIRECT ATTACK ON JURIDICIAL PROVISIONS OF CHAIRMAN'S UNUSUAL TEXT, WHICH WERE DEFENDED BY AUSTRALIA, CHILE AND NEW ZEALAND. FRANCE SOUGHT TO EXCLUDE WATERS AROUND KERGUELEN FROM SCOPE OF CONVENTION, WHICH SPARKED SHARP DEBATE ON WHETHER CONSERVATION MEASURES ADOPTED PURSUANT TO COMMISSION WOULD BIND COASTAL STATES IN AREAS NORTH OF 60 DEGREES LATITUDE. U.S. SIGNALLED WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT APPROACH IN CHAIRMAN'S REVISED DRAFT PROVIDED CERTAIN SPECIFIC CHANGES WERE MADE. U.S. SUGGESTIONS BECAME BASIS OF DISCUSSION WHICH ENDED WITH CHAIRMAN AGREEING TO TRY TO USE THEM IN REVISING TEXT.

6. HEADS OF DELEGATION MEETING ALSO INCLUDED PRELIMINARY EXCHANGES ON NEXT STEPS. MOST DELEGATIONS RESERVED ON THESE POINTS PENDING ISSUANCE OF REVISION TWO. HOW-CONFIDENTIAL

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EVER, INITIAL VIEWS INDICATED THAT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE SENTIMENT FOR HOLDING ANOTHER SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING BEFORE MOVING TO FINAL DECISIVE MEETING (WHICH WOULD BE FORMAL DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE). ARGENTINA IN FACT OFFERED TO MOVE SUCH MEETING IN APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS.

7. CHAIRMAN'S NEW TEXT (REVISION TWO) IS EXPECTED TO APPEAR MORNING OF MARCH 15.
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